

FRENCH REPORT GAINS ALONG ENTIRE FRONT

Attack on Tracy-le-Val Repulsed—Advance at Parvillers.

SUPERIORITY OF FRENCH ARTILLERY IS CLAIMED

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN
Paris, Dec. 9.—Progress all along the front, practically from the North Sea to Alsace, is announced in Gen. Joffre's official reports to-day. Gains are claimed along the Aisne, the Somme, in the Vosges, in the Argonne and in the Yonne. All the advantages gained during the last few days have been maintained, according to the communiques, and all the attacks attempted by the Germans have been repulsed.

Coupled with the good news contained in the official reports come advices from unofficial sources to the effect that the German offensive is weakening everywhere. Practically no mention is made of the fighting in Flanders, but military critics take this to mean that the Allies are pushing their offensive and that the French guns are silencing the German batteries.

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In northern Poland our troops are in close touch with the Russians, who have come to a standstill in a strongly fortified position, East of Rovno, in a region where fighting of the most severe character has been going on since the Germans began their retreat from the Marne. Noteworthy progress was reported at this point in last Monday's report.

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There is no other incident to report than an advance of our forces east of Parvillers and a German attack on Tracy-le-Val, which has been repulsed.

The afternoon communiqué reports artillery fighting from the sea to the River Lys. Its text follows:

During the day of December 8 there was artillery fighting from the sea to the Lys.

In the region of Arras and further to the south there was nothing to report. All the positions won by us during the past two days have been regained.

In the region of the Aisne artillery fighting resulted advantageously for us. In the Argonne the activity of our artillery and fighting by our infantry resulted in appreciable gains for us. Several German trenches were captured and we made progress along the entire front with the exception of one single point, here the enemy blew up one of our trenches with a mine.

On the heights of the Meuse our artillery showed itself distinctly the master of the artillery of the enemy. In this region, as well as in the Argonne, we have made progress along the entire front and captured several of the German trenches. The same thing happened in the forest of Le Preux.

In the Vosges we repulsed several attacks of the enemy, especially in the region of the Semois. In the remainder of the segment of the Vosges the enemy made no endeavor during the day of December 8 to deliver any serious attack on the positions occupied by us last week.

In Russia—the stubborn attacks of the Germans against the front from Novgorod to Strykow, and also along a line running north and south sixteen kilometers to the west of Poltava, continued. Nevertheless, because of the exposed positions of Lodz at the head of a wedge, the Russians have found it advisable to evacuate this city.

In Galicia the Austrians, who appear to have received German reinforcements, have resumed the offensive in the region of Neu Sande, to the southeast of Cracow, against the Russians.

In Servia—The Servian armies are making progress in the upper valleys of the western Morava and on the left bank of the River Ijard. They have taken possession of the heights of Meljen, capturing numerous prisoners and also taking cannon from the enemy. In the region of Kosmaj the Servians are in contact with the Austrian troops.

MUST SAVE AMMUNITION.

Germans Instructed to Avoid Waste in Bombardment.

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Paris, Dec. 9.—A copy of instructions issued by the German General Staff for artillery fire, found in a village near the Aisne in a room which had been abandoned hastily by German officers, seems to confirm the report that the Germans are finding it necessary to economize ammunition.

The order says that new instructions are necessary because the lessons of the war do not agree with the instructions given in peace, and because German industry working at its maximum cannot provide the army with munitions indefinitely. The artillery therefore is recommended to fire only when it is worth the trouble, and not to fire at night owing to the difficulty of finding targets.

The others in charge of artillery firing are urged to use aeroplanes and captive balloons thoroughly for observation before firing and to avoid arroge, meaning the "watering pot" firing, in which the Germans hitherto have been addicted.

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DEATH FOR BRITISH TRAITOR.

Former German Consul-General at Sunderland Will Appeal.

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SHANLEY'S

BERLIN ANNOUNCES ARGONNE ADVANCES

Official Announcement Asserts French Were Repulsed East and West of Forest.

SAYS RED CROSS WAS MASK

BERLIN, Dec. 9, by wireless to London.—The official statement issued by the German army headquarters this afternoon says:

To the west of Reims a fishery, although flying the Red Cross flag, has been bombarded and set on fire by our troops, as we had ascertained by means of photographs taken by our aviators that behind the fishery was hidden a French heavy battery.

French attacks in the district around Reims and on the heights of Varennes and Vanvoures were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Spain is to the west and Varennes and Vanvoures on the eastern edge of the Argonne Forest, through which the battle line runs.

In the Forest of Argonne itself ground was gained in several places. On this occasion we took a number of prisoners.

The French suffered heavy losses in the battles reported yesterday to the north of Nancy. Our losses were comparatively small.

No new reports are at hand from East Prussia.

In northern Poland our troops are in close touch with the Russians, who have come to a standstill in a strongly fortified position, East of the Wartie, the fighting for Lowicz continues.

In southern Poland Austro-Hungarian troops, fighting side by side with our troops, have successfully renewed the attack.

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The enemy with reinforcements continues violent attacks.

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The judges, however, awarded the silver medal to Ambur Bonfire, a four-year-old chestnut and Clarence H. Mackay's Land O'Burns.

The competition over the three other teams.

The judges placed them as before:

Dr. V. T. Charchian, the Virginia sportsman who had his pony Jimmy Trigger excluded on Tuesday because it was not under the height of 12 1/2 hands, called for, received another show yesterday when his favorite suffered the first defeat of his career in the class for saddle ponies, with a limit set at 13 hands.

There could be no denying the quality of the winner, Carlton Quality, owned by Mrs. Payne Whitney. Miss Audrey Lewison's Grasshopper was placed second.

In the classes for fillies and mares the Wilshire Farm scored heavily, winning the filly class for three-year-olds and under with Carlton Quality and taking second with Carlton Quality and the same team with the same horse not exceeding 13 hands.

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